

BRITISH MINE SWEEPER IS BLOWN UP BY MINE AND LIKE FATE FOR TWO OTHERS IS REPORTED

WHILE FUNERALS OF RAID VICTIMS

Of the German Warships at Scarborough and Hartlepool Are Being Held.

BERLIN'S CELEBRATION
Over Great German Victory in Poland over Russians Seems to Be Premature.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
POSEN, Army Headquarters of the East, Dec. 18, via Berlin and London, Dec. 20, 4:07 a. m.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army took Lowicz, Russian Poland, today defeating the Russian right wing after heavy fighting for several days. The capture of the city compels the further retirement of the Russian lines which have lost 34 kilometers (21 miles) since the evacuation of Lodz. The lines are now scarcely forty kilometers from Warsaw.

The German pursuit is proceeding successfully along the whole front, and the Russians are offering a firm resistance in positions which were previously fortified in preparation for defeat.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LONDON, Dec. 19.—It is thought possible Berlin's celebration of a great German victory in Poland was quarters say of the battle there in today's report is that the pursuit of the enemy continues.

The Russian official report received tonight says the engagements which have taken place on the left bank of the Vistula have been nothing more than outpost affairs. In these, the Russians would seem to have been engaged in holding the Germans while the Russians main force was forming along the Bzura river, where a battle is beginning to develop and the German attack is said to have been repulsed.

Germans Frustrated.
As was expected the Germans made an attempt to cross the Vistula in an endeavor to outflank the Russians but this was frustrated by a destructive fire from the Russian artillery and the seizure of the pontoon bridges.

Despite the desperate work facing them in North Poland the Russians continue their operations in East Prussia and against Cracow while in western Galicia they are taking up positions along the Dunaieva river in an attempt to stop the flow of the Austro-German forces.

Garrison Gives Battle.
Part of the Przemyśl garrison has made a sortie in force in an attempt to open the railway to the southwest and is giving battle to the Russian besieging army.

With the Germans strongly entrenched and the ground in bad condition the offensive movement of the allies in Belgium and France is making slow progress. At several points, however, the French official report records the capture of German trenches. The offensive is being pushed with considerable force in Flanders and from the Belgian border south to the river Oise, where the line turns eastward.

Violent Counter Attacks.
The Germans kept up violent counter attacks and by these and the use of mines have in some cases succeeded in preventing the allies from following up their advantage.

Similar tactics are being adopted by both sides along the rest of the front with gains and losses which are marked in sections of miles. The allies have brought up an enormous weight of artillery which they are (Continued on page three).

EXCHANGE TRADING SOMEWHAT LIGHTER

Tone of Market Becomes Irregular with Nominal Losses at the Close.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Trading in securities today was relatively lighter than at any other session since the recent resumption of business on the stock exchange. Some of the more important issues were not quoted at all and the speculated favorites changed hands in very small lots. The tone was steady at the outset from which it became irregular with nominal losses at the close.

The decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission granting partial increases to railroads in the eastern territory was again the main topic of discussion with considerable diversity of opinion as to its real significance.

Mercantile authorities reported improving tendencies in many lines, the recent cold weather having stimulated demands in the textile trade. Record breaking cotton shipments also afforded encouragement in these same quarters.

The coming week is expected to witness some important developments in the steel industry including publication of wage scales for next year.

FRENCH SENTRIES SHIVERING AT A BLIZZARD SWEEPED OUTPOST



So cold is it on the battle lines that the French sentries who are doing patrol duty at the outposts are compelled to keep fires burning in braziers in order to find a little warmth around it when the cold becomes intense beyond endurance. The photo shows a detail of sentries who are doing guard duty in northern France gathered about one of these glowing braziers (just behind man lying down) at a blizzard-swept outpost.

ZAPATA'S ARMY PURSUES CARRANZA'S TROOPS NOW

Following the Capture of Mexican City and Capture of 2,000 Prisoners.

AN ATTACK ON VILLA
At Tampico is to Be Made by General Gonzales with Army of 10,000 Men.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 18, via El Paso, Dec. 19.—Jose Ortiz Rodriguez was appointed tonight acting minister of foreign affairs by Provisional President Gutierrez. Since the evacuation of the capital by Carranza the post has been vacant.

At the war department today the official report of the capture of the city of Puebla was received from General Zapata, who said that a force of 10,000 were pursuing the Carranza troops. Two thousand prisoners, several pieces of artillery and other equipment were reported captured by Zapata.

According to official reports General Villa on December 17 entered Guadalupe which previously had been evacuated by the Carranza garrison.

GONZALES ARE TO FIGHT VILLA'S MEN AT TAMPICO
LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 19.—General Pablo Gonzales has reached the Panuco oil field district with 10,000 troops prepared for an offensive against Villa forces at Tampico according to reports here tonight. The same message asserted that Carranza troops had captured Darras, a small town near Torreon, and confirmed reports that the Villa forces at San Luis Potosi had gone over to Carranza.

VILLA GARRISON REVOLTS AGAINST GENERAL VILLA
SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 19.—A dispatch received by the local Mexican consul today said:

"The Villa garrison at San Luis Potosi revolted against Villa this morning and surrendered the city to General Samuel Delos Santos, who is (Continued on page three).

THREE KINGS

Hold Further Conferences for Purpose of Combining Interests during War.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
MALMOE, Sweden, via London, Dec. 19.—King Christian of Denmark, King Gustave of Sweden and King Haakon of Norway, who arrived here yesterday with their foreign ministers to formulate an agreement designed to combine their respective interests during the progress of the war, held further conferences today after which the three monarchs conferred with their respective ministers.

A joint final conference will be held later when the kings, foreign ministers and the departmental officers will take part.

AGREEMENT SIGNED.
(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—An agreement to abide by the decision of the federal board of mediation was signed here today by officials of the St. Louis Southwestern railroad and representatives of the conductors and engine-men union who recently voted to strike.

NOT GUILTY IS JURY VERDICT

Town Clerk of Haverstraw Acquitted of Murdering His Son-in-Law.

MRS. CLEARY IS OVERCOME
Not More Than Four Votes Are Cast for Conviction on Any Ballot.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
NEW CITY, N. Y., Dec. 19.—William V. Cleary, town clerk of Haverstraw and Democratic leader in Rockland county, was acquitted by a jury in the supreme court here tonight of the charge of murder in the first degree of which he was tried for the killing of Eugene M. Newman, his son-in-law.

Announcement of the verdict was the signal for a demonstration by Cleary's friends, who had remained in the courtroom while the jury was deliberating.

Wife Is Overcome.
When the jury sent word that it had agreed Cleary was brought in from the jail adjoining the courtroom. He showed the effects of the strain he had been under after the jury's retirement. Mrs. Cleary, who was in court when the announcement came, was overcome by a nervous attack. Her extreme paleness and deep agitation attracted District Attorney Jagan's attention. He requested that she be taken from the room.

When the jury filed in it was apparent that the verdict would be "Not guilty." Foreman Frank Hedy, when asked what the jury had decided, almost shouted the words "Not guilty."

Applause followed the announcement. Cleary seemed dazed at first and unable to comprehend the significance of the jury's finding. When he regained his composure he asked permission to thank the jury. It was granted and he shook hands with each one of the twelve men, saying "Gentlemen, I thank you for your merciful and righteous verdict."

An Affectionate Scene.
It was learned that at no time during the jury's deliberations were more than four votes cast for Cleary's conviction on any ballot. The vote stood eight to four for acquittal until the last ballot. One of the jurors said the scene between father and daughter in the courtroom yesterday had affected them greatly impressing them with the belief of Cleary's overpowering love for the girl.

Cleary will go away for recuperation but expects soon to resume his post of clerk of the town of Haverstraw, where he is a Democratic leader.

SPARK CAUSES BLAZE.
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 19.—A wireless plant of the United Fruit Company here, having a range of 2,000 miles and valued at \$75,000 was destroyed by fire today. The blaze is believed to have started from a spark from the dynamo.

RUSSIANS ROUTED IN SOUTH POLAND

By the Austro-German Forces Where the Fighting is Still Continuing.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
VIENNA, via Amsterdam and London, Dec. 19.—The following official communication was issued today:

"Our forces which advanced beyond the line from Krosno to Caklitz again met with stubborn resistance yesterday. Violent fighting is also proceeding on the lower Dunaieva. The Russian rearguard, who had made a dogged stand on the western bank of the river, was almost completely routed."

"In South Poland fighting continues, the enemy being routed. Our cavalry which on Thursday evening entered the Jendrzajow has reached the river Nida. Further north the Austro-German allies have crossed the river Pilica."

"From the Carpathians there is no news except of minor engagements with results favorable to our troops."

"From Przemyśl our troops made a sortie without meeting serious resistance and captured several hundred prisoners."

WESTERN GALICIA CLEAR OF RUSSIAN TROOPS

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS)
LONDON, Dec. 20, 12:45 a. m.—According to a Berlin wireless dispatch advice from Vienna to main headquarters say that in the battle of Lmanowa, the Austrian troops completely routed the Russians, of which western Galicia is now clear.

The Austro-Hungarian army made 26,000 prisoners and took a large quantity of war material, it is claimed.

"The Russian loss was enormous," the dispatch adds, "and the pursuit is everywhere being followed up."

WINELESS BANQUET.

(By Associated Press).
CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—One hundred officials of the Illinois Steel Company attended a wineless banquet tonight and gave to charity the money usually spent for champagne at these affairs. Instead of a dinner at \$5 a plate at a downtown hotel the officials gathered in the clubrooms of the works, where the dinner cost a dollar and the four dollars were given to the needy.

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